

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, February 1, 2019  
Claiborne State Office Building, Iowa Room, 1-153  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The February 1, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:08 AM by the chair, Mr. Rob Schlicher. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Katie Barras, Ms. Christina Conforto, Dr. Alan Coulter, Ms. Tamara Cupit, Ms. Gina Easterly, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Ms. Karen Artus for Ms. Liz Gary, Mr. Raymond Jetson, Ms. Cheyanne Blackburn for Mr. Victor Jones, Mr. Michael Ortego, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Caroline Roemer, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Ms. Marie Smith, Judge Kim Stansbury, Ms. Ariel Test, and Ms. Gina Womack.

Ms. Brenda Cosse', Ms. Tia Edwards, Mr. Dannie Garrett, Ms. Liz Gary, Supt. Kevin George, Ms. Melanie Jacobs, Mr. Victor Jones, Ms. Jill Lockhart, Ms. Arielle McConduit, Ms. Cyndy Rutherford, Mr. Al Simmons, and Ms. Debra Weinberg were absent.

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- 1 A motion was made by Judge Stansbury to approve the December 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Easterly seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.

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Assistant Superintendent Catherine Pozniak with the Louisiana Department of Education gave a presentation on "Funding for Schools Identified as Urgent Intervention Required."

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Mr. Schlicher provided an overview of the legislative process on how a bill becomes a law and informed the council that he contacted Sen. Bishop regarding the draft discipline bill. Ms. Roemer explained to the council how bills might be amended throughout the legislative process at any time, including in the education committees, on the chamber floors and in conference committee. She explained that most bills are amended and council members should not expect the draft discipline bill to remain unchanged if it makes it through the legislative process.

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- 2 A motion was made by Mr. Jetson to have the Department of Education give a comprehensive overview at the June meeting on the evaluation process of sites flagged as Urgent Intervention Required subgroup for discipline. The overview should include the evaluation process for discipline plans, including the role of the network teams. The motion was seconded by Ms. Polotzola and was approved without objection.

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Mr. Schlicher asked the council for feedback on the workgroups; Proactive, Positive Approaches, Dealing with Challenging Behavior, and Safe Schools and Climate. A few council members expressed that the workgroups were never issued a mandate or goal to achieve. Mr. Jetson noted that, according to R.S.

17:253, the council is to provide advice and guidance to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education regarding best practices in providing support to public school governing authorities in the adoption and implementation of each school's master plan for student behavior and discipline as provided in R.S. 17:252. After lengthy discussion and noting that council members were questioning the purpose and role of the council, Mr. Schlicher wanted the group to revisit the breakout sessions and the workgroups to determine their necessity or to better clarify their intentions and purpose. The council broke for lunch at 12:26 PM.

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The council reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

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- 3 A motion was made by Mr. Fleming to request the Department of Education to present on the current Model Master Discipline Plan template. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prudhomme.

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Mr. Schlicher set the remainder of the 2019 meeting dates of the council for June 10, September 16, and December 6.

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- 4 On motion by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Ms. Womack the meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.